

# Monmouth Rural District Council.



ANNUAL      REPORT  
  
of    the  
  
MEDICAL    OFFICER    OF    HEALTH

For the Year Ended  
31st December 1963



MONMOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Public Health Staff

Medical Officer of Health - E.N.Dowell, M.R.C.S.,  
(Tel. No. Monmouth 2779) L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,

Public Health Inspector - G.L.Dicks, M.A.P.H.I.,  
A.R.San.Inst.  
as Public Health Inspector  
and Petroleum Inspector  
(Whole time)

- P.A.Thomas, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.,  
M.R.I.P.H.H., (Sept 1963)

General Statistics

Area (in acres)	54,858
Estimated Mid-Year Population	6,020
Number of Inhabited Houses	2,026
Rateable Value	£ 87,299
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£321 8 8d

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Shaftesbury House,  
Shaftesbury House,  
Monmouth

26th October 1964

To The Chairman and Members  
of the Rural District of  
Monmouth

Gentlemen and Lady,

I have the honour to present to you my  
Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your  
district for the year ended 31st December 1963.

The health of the district is satisfactory.

I would like to take this opportunity to  
thank Mr Dicks for his help and co-operation, and to wish him  
a happy retirement after his 29 years loyal service as an officer  
with your Council. Mr Thomas, your new Public Health Inspector,  
took up office during September, I extend a welcome to him and  
the wish for a harmonious and progressive future.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

E. N. DOWELL.

Medical Officer of Health

## STATISTICS

The estimated mid-year population for 1963 was 6020. In 1950 it was 6070. The natural increase, i.e., the figure which the number of births exceeds the number of deaths, was 20.

### BIRTHS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	46	41	87
Illegitimate	4	2	6

The highest number of births recorded since 1950 was 102 in 1954 and the lowest was 76 in 1960. The live birth rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 18.94.

The Registrar General arranged to supply Medical Officers of Health with details of transferable stillbirths (inward and outward) registered on and after 1st January, 1963. There was only one inward transferable stillbirth in your district and the cause of death was :-

- Ia. Macerated foetus
- b. Foetal anoxia
- c. Accidental haemorrhage.

In 1960 there were 3 stillbirths and in 1957 the figure was Nil.

### INFANT MORTALITY

<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	0	2

The following gives a list of the deaths of infants under one year of age, giving age at and cause of death :-

- (i) Male 3 days Atelectasis
- (ii) Male 3 months Infantile bronchopneumonia

In 1956 four infants under the age of one year died. The infant mortality rate per 1000 live births for Monmouthshire was 25.57.

### DEATHS

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	38	35	75

There were 57 deaths in 1957 and 96 in 1951. There were 3 deaths attributed to malignant disease of the lung in 1956.

The following table gives a classification of the cause of death and the number attributed to each cause.

The death rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 13.67.

DEATHS IN 1963

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, Breast		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	6
Coronary disease, angina	10	5
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	10	6
Other circulatory disease		3
Influenza		1
Pneumonia	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		1
Congenital malformations	1	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	3
Motor vehicle accidents	2	
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide		1
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Total All causes	38	35

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## GENERAL      EPIDEMIOLOGY

### DIPHTHERIA

For twelve consecutive years, no cases have been notified.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATIONS

During the year 92 children were immunised against diphtheria. Of this number 16 were babies born in 1962 and 21 were babies born in 1963.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis in 1963, so it was not necessary to suspend immunisations.

### POLIOMYELITIS

No cases were notified.

During the last eleven years only two cases have been notified and these occurred in 1955 and 1957.

As in previous years, the Mobile Infant Welfare Clinic visited the Rural District offering vaccination.

### FOOD POISONING

As in 1962, no cases were notified.

### DYSENTERY

No cases were notified.

### TUBERCULOSIS

The only case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified was a female, age 73 years. In 1957 six cases were notified.

40 children were vaccinated against tuberculosis.



## SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

### WATER

There was no acute shortage of water in the year under review on Private Supplies or on Main Supplies.

#### Bacteriological Examination of Raw Water

Satisfactory 17 Unsatisfactory 2

#### Chemical Analyses

Plumbo Solvency The waters generally are not liable to plumbo solvent action. The exception is gravitation supply at Llandogo on which the Council have power under byelaws to prohibit the use of lead pipe on drinking supplies.

With completion of Trelleck Water Supply Scheme including supply to parts of northern area, the following premises are now supplied from public water mains, direct to houses :-

Dwellings	-	1076
Meter Supplies	-	270

Total	1,346	and an approximate 73 Million Gallons were supplied to Consumers.
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Just over 50% of the Rural District properties are still without a Mains Supply of water, and this situation will apply until the advent of the Northern Area Scheme.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Rivers and Streams Pollution is slight in this District.

Closet Accommodation Except Raglan and Llandogo, closets are mainly on the Conservancy System. The area is not populous or closely built. Conversions to Water Closets were effected during the year on private premises, by the use of septic tank disposal.

Raglan Existing sewerage and sewage disposal are reasonably adequate but does not provide for further development and a scheme for enlargement is in the hands of the Consulting Engineers.

Smoke Abatement No action was found necessary during the year in connection with smoke abatement.

#### Rag Flock & Other Filling Materials Act 1951

There are no registered premises in the area.

Public Cleansing House refuse is collected once weekly in Raglan Village and monthly in remainder of the area. (By Contract) Disposal is by tipping into disused quarries. There is no staff available to effect 'Controlled Tipping' - tips are isolated.

Swimming Baths and Pools There are no Public Baths in the area and no privately owned baths open to the Public.

Infestation Premises are generally free from Verminous Infestation. Two calls were made on the department's services and fumigations arranged.



## SHOPS ACT 1950

No action was taken during the year under the Shops Act 1950 relating to ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences. Number of shops inspected are included in the following Summary.

## SCHOOLS

Routine inspections of Schools have been regularly carried out. The majority of Schools in the area are now connected to a piped water supply but have no proper Sewage Disposal Systems. Schemes are in progress for improvement by County Council. Little progress was made during the current year.

## CAMPING SITES

Three Sites were used for camping during the year. Estimated Number of Campers resident in the area at one time during 1963 = 200. The Camps were mainly of short duration for periods of 14 days and consisting mainly of scout troupes and girl guides.

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

### Summary of Public Health Inspector's Visits and Notices Served during the Year

## GENERAL SANITATION

<u>Nature of Visits of Inspection</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Water Supply ... ..	157
Drainage - Sewers and Drains ... ..	337
Stables and Piggeries ... ..	7
Fried Fish Shops ... ..	Nil
Tents, Vans and Sheds ... ..	44
Factories ... ..	38
Bakehouses ... ..	13
Public Conveniences ... ..	(Inns) 16
Refuse Collection and Disposal ... ..	267
Other Duties (Petroleum Acts) ... ..	44
Visits to Schools (Sanitary Conveniences)	16

## FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT 1958. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) ACT. THE MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS 1963

On the 1st October 1963 the new Meat Inspection regulations came into force replacing the Public Health (Meat) Regulations of 1924. Two privately owned slaughter houses operate within the Council's Area. Extremely high standards are maintained by the licencees and 100% inspection of all animals was carried out for the first 3 months that the Regulations have been in being. It will not be for another 12 months that the full effect of maintaining 100% inspection will be felt. The Monmouth Borough Health Inspector has been appointed the official deputy Meat Inspector for the area, with calls being made on Local Veterinary Officers in cases when both Public Health Inspectors are not available.

Unsound Food

In addition to inspections at slaughterhouses, the following foodstuffs were condemned in shops. (Voluntary surrender) :-

Tinned Fruit	27 tins	Decomposition
Tinned Tomatoes	24 tins	Decomposition

All condemned meat is treated with Napthalene Green Dye Stain, other foodstuffs are disposed of at Refuse Tips.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned - In Whole or in Part :-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	164	Nil	7	1344	281	Nil
Number Inspected	164	Nil	7	1344	281	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis :-						
Whole carcases Condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	Nil	1	17	2	Nil
Tuberculosis only :-						
Whole Carcases Condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was Condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Cysticercus Bovis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Total Weight Condemned of</u>						
<u>Home Killed Meat in Pound</u>						
<u>Weight for T.B.</u>						
Whole Carcases	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	100	Nil
Part Carcases	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	24	Nil
Organs	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	112	Nil
<u>For Other Diseases</u>						
Whole Carcases	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	78	Nil
Part Carcase	Nil	Nil	12	Nil	Nil	Nil
Organs	43	Nil	Nil	95	Nil	Nil
	43	Nil	12	95	78	Nil

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938 (Continued)

304 Visits of Inspection were made to Private Slaughterhouses.

### Other Visits of Inspection

Grocers	27
Ice-Cream Premises	127
Restaurants	34
Street Vendors' and Hawkers' Carts	31

### Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 and 1952

#### Food & Drugs Act 1955

There are no premises registered in the area for Manufacture of Ice-Cream. Twenty-nine premises are registered for the sale of Pre-packed Ice Cream. No samples were taken during the period under review.

### Visits in Connection with Sampling

#### Milk - Bacteriological

No samples submitted during the Year.

There are no Registered Distributors in the Area.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936

### Notices Served during the Year

Number of Informal Notices served	Nil
Number of Informal Notices complied with	Nil
Number of Statutory Notices served	Nil
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	Nil

### Verminous Premises

Number of Houses inspected	Nil
Number of visits paid to above houses	Nil
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	237

### Infectious Diseases

Inquiries in Cases of Infectious Diseases	Nil
Visits re Disinfection	Nil
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	7

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

Number of Premises inspected as a result of Notification or otherwise	98
Number of properties found to be infested	37
There were no properties seriously infested	
Number of Infested Properties treated by Local Authority	13
Number of Notices served in respect of treatment	Nil



FACTORIES ACT 1961

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	8	Nil	Nil
Factories without mechanical power	10	Nil	Nil
Other Premises under the Act (including works of Building & Engineering Construction but not including outworkers premises)	11	Nil	Nil
Total	29	Nil	Nil

Section 110 - 111. OUTWORK

There are no outworkers in the area.

DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were :-			
	Found	Remedied	Referred H.M.Insp.	Prosecutions Instituted
Want of cleanliness Overcrowding Unreasonable Temperature Inadequate ventilation Ineffective drainage of floors	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes				
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Smoke Observations	0
Schools	18
Shops	198
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	423

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